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Local man arrested in bomb plot

Suspect taken into custody for Paris blast at France's request

A part-time University of Ottawa sociology instructor was arrested in Gatineau yesterday as a suspect in the 1980 bombing of a Paris synagogue that killed four people.

Earlier in the day, the website of the French magazine L'Express had reported that Hassan Diab, a man of Palestinian origin in his 50s, had been arrested in Gatineau, Que.

"French judges involved in the case are there now," said a source familiar with the case in the Paris prosecutor's office.

Two French judges issued an international arrest warrant against Diab earlier this month. He is suspected of making and planting the bomb that killed three French people and an Israeli woman outside the synagogue in an upmarket area of Paris.

Twenty other people were wounded in the bombing. No group claimed responsibility.

In Ottawa, the RCMP confirmed they had arrested a person at France's request, but would not give more details.

A police spokesman said the suspect would stay in custody until an extradition hearing is held.

L'Express said Diab had dual Lebanese-Canadian citizenship and has worked as a sociology lecturer at the University of Ottawa.

The magazine said a team of French police, magistrates and intelligence officers were in Canada working on the case and would try to arrange Diab's extradition to France.

The bomb was planted in a bag attached to a motorbike that was parked outside the synagogue in a street called Rue Copernic, in the posh 16th district of Paris.

It exploded minutes before a crowd of people was due to emerge from the synagogue. The attack took place on a Friday night, at the start of the Jewish Sabbath.

It caused outrage in France. Several hundred thousand people marched through the streets of Paris the following day to show their solidarity with the victims.

According to L'Express, French investigators suspect the bombing was organized by a small Palestinian militant group at odds with Yasser Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization.

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HAZMAT officers and a bomb disposal robot investigate two suspicious packages discovered at the front doors of the Bank of Canada headquarters on Wellington Street yesterday morning. Below, officers prepare to carry away the suspicious packages.

Boxes left outside top bank shut down major streets

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A pair of cardboard boxes discovered outside of the Bank of Canada headquarters ultimately posed no threat, but shut down the main street of the Parliamentary district and snarled downtown traffic for hours yesterday.

Following a five-hour investigation that involved a disposal robot and a hazardous material retrieval team, police said the boxes were eventually found to contain unidentified "inert and non-toxic" materials that have been sent to a laboratory for analysis.

Ottawa Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police closed down Wellington Street between Lyon to Elgin streets and diverted vehicles during the probe, causing traffic jams along Slater, Albert and Queen streets.

Bank of Canada security staff discovered the two Dole Banana boxes outside of the main doors of the building at 7:30 a.m. The building was evacuated and five Bank of Canada employees and a police officer were assessed as a precaution.

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Entrance

- Around 1,000 people work in the complex, but the centre building doors where the packages are found are rarely used to enter the bank, Harrison said.

The Bank of Canada has security cameras monitoring the doors where the boxes were found and police are reviewing that footage to identify who left the packages there. The building houses Bank of Canada Governor Mark Carney's office.

Bank of Canada spokesperson Jeremy Harrison said staff was relocated from the central building, however, the two other towers in the complex were still accessible.

Around 12:45 p.m. the boxes were placed into large bio-hazard containers and carted away.

Wellington Street was reopened shortly after 1 p.m.

Police have not yet determined if any charges will be laid.

Wendell's wanderings at an end

SEARCH A wayward wallaby that apparently led pursuers on a chase around eastern Ontario has been found dead not far from the Ottawa-area zoo from which he escaped.

"One of the volunteers found Wendell's body at about 10:30 a.m. (Thursday) about … 15 kilometres from the farm," said Marie Selleck, a friend of Gary and Carla Saunders, the owners of Saunders Country Critters and Garden Centre.

The body has been taken to a veterinarian to determine a cause of death. Selleck said the loss of Wendell is hitting everyone hard.

"It's like losing a member of the family."

One kangaroo and four wallabies escaped the zoo in late October after a winter storm knocked down fencing. All were found except for Wendell, a three-year-old Bennett wallaby, who proceeded in the days that followed to lead a horde of volunteer searchers on a chase around the region, with sightings reported as far distant as Athens, Smiths Falls and Ottawa.

Considering he was ultimately found close to home, Selleck said it's difficult to know if Wendell really hopped as far as the sightings suggested.

"The people who said they saw him really felt like they saw him," she said.

Wendell's caregivers had offered a $1,000 reward for the animal's safe return.

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Kanata crash victim identified

Daniel Chambers, 26, was identified yesterday as the man who died in a two-vehicle collision on Terry Fox Drive in Kanata on Tuesday night. Chambers was the passenger in one of the vehicles and died from his injuries at the scene. **OTTAWA POLICE**

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Driven to help others

A city bus driver who went to the aid of a young woman who was unconscious and not breathing at the Orléans Park & Ride in September 2007 has received the Canadian Urban Transit Association's (CUTA) Employee Excellence Award. Raymond Richer, an OC Transpo employee for 27 years, is one of only four transit employees from across Canada to earn the award this year. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Roadside 'rant' targets transit

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Councillor Clive Doucet knows he has a mountain to climb if he hopes to persuade his city hall colleagues to switch tracks on its new transit plan.

So he's taking his plea to the people.

Earlier this month, Doucet, the Capital ward councillor, took out radio ads, and yesterday videotaped a Rick Mercer-style "rant" to promote his 'Light Rail Now' campaign on television and online.

It's a bid to garner public support in advance of Monday, when Doucet will unveil an "alternate transit option" that he said would serve the entire city. Construction, he said, would begin "virtually immediately" to Kanata, Orleans and Riverside South.

Under the current plan, he said, only a small section of light rail will stretch from Blair Road to Tunney's Pasture after 10 years and $2 billion. And the city will be adding more buses the entire time.

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During the afternoon rush hour yesterday, at the intersection of Albert and Metcalfe streets, councillor Clive Doucet recorded a "rant" that urges residents to support his 'Light Rail Now' campaign.

"There is no reason we can't have trains out to Kanata in five or six years," he said yesterday, as he stood at Albert and Metcalfe Streets, to use the afternoon rush hour as a backdrop to his video.

"Right now we've got a tunnel to nowhere. We've got to build a system, so that when we have the tunnel built, we'll actually be able to connect it to something."

Doucet will bring forward motions in support of his plan to a joint transit-transportation meeting next week.

Bay ward councillor Alex Cullen, however, called his colleague's assertions that light rail could be built earlier "nonsense".

"You can't hurry it up. You've got to do the (environmental assessment), you need the funding in place. There is no magic in it." he said. "(Doucet) isn't offering any magic, which is why he's not gaining votes on council."

Cullen said using Carling Avenue for rapid transit, as Doucet proposes, would be four times more expensive than the city's plan.

National Defence first to a million for charity

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They've all been working towards the same goal, but the Department of National Defence did it first.

The department officially closed its Government of Canada Workplace Charitable Campaign yesterday with a presentation of a cheque for $1.431 million and change to United Way/Centraide Ottawa.

As the first GCWCC team to reach $1 million, the staff at DND always "does a tremendous job," said United Way campaign chairman Sal Iacono.

The campaign involved not only payroll deduction, but over 800 volunteers soliciting workmates and organizing fundraisers such as book sales, said Colonel Jocelyn Cousineau, the National Defence WCC leader.

"We live in this community too, and we're healthy and have regular employment.

"This is a way to give back to everyone who's not as fortunate as we are."

This year, there were 1,800 workplace campaigns and about 110 government campaigns, said Iacono.

Although corporations make donations, most of the money comes from people in the workplace. People use the United Way campaign as a team-building tool, he added.

"It's a way of having fun and to do something together that helps build the community."

With three weeks remaining in the campaign, the drive is "coming along quite nicely," Iacono said.

To date, the campaign has raised $21.452 million, or 69.2 per cent of the record $31 million goal. The campaign runs through December 2.

Outaouais drive

- Centraide Outaouais has raised $3.915 million, or 72.5 per cent of its $5.4 million goal. The campaign there runs through Dec. 10.

Park cleared to curb 'criminal elements'

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"It's not only a security issue, but a health and safety issue."
Const. Art Wong

Workers yesterday thinned out brush in an area of a downtown park that homeless people sometimes use as a place to congregate and sleep.

The National Capital Commission says it removed the greenery in response to an Ottawa Police safety audit of Confederation Park that listed homelessness, loitering and the littering of broken glass, needles and human feces as problems in the park.

"It's not only a security issue, but a health and safety issue," said Const. Art Wong, the author of the report and the head of the Ottawa Police Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Unit.

"That's considered a tourist area, too," he said. "Families walk through there."

Workers were busy yesterday removing small trees, bushes and shrubs by the National Arts Centre garage. The report recommended cutting underbrush "to open up sightlines and reduce areas of concealment and hopefully discourage criminal elements in the area," Wong said.

NCC spokeswoman Annie Desrosiers said the]"suggestions would enhance park experience."

Walking through the park yesterday, Jason Desormeaux said it was "a shame" that greenery had to be cut down, but said it was worth it if it made the area safer.

Work will continue in the spring, with landscaping and installation of park benches built to discourage people from sleeping on them, Desrosiers said.

News in brief

SPORTS Ottawa baseball fans will have a reason to return to the ballpark next spring as the Ottawa Rapidz prepare to take to the field under the ownership of the Can-Am League. Commissioner Miles Wolff is expected to make the announcement at a news conference next week. The league is also in talks with at least two new prospective franchise owners. The Rapidz folded in September under the ownership of Rob Hall with a reported debt of $1.4 million.
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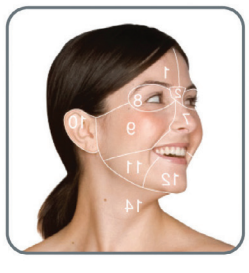

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Burger joint heist prevented

Customers, staff, and an off-duty police officer at an east-end Burger King caught and held two armed men who allegedly tried to rob the restaurant late Wednesday night. **CTVOTTAWA.CA**

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BEAUTY at the Bay

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Conservator John Moses works on part of the 2,500-year-old Het-ep-Bastet coffin at the Canadian Museum of Civilization yesterday.

A peek into the afterlife

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It was a win-win situation for everyone involved: The Université du Québec à Montréal, the Canadian Museum of Civilization, Egyptian history fans — and the mummy herself.

Conservators from the Gatineau museum worked to restore a 2,500-year-old Egyptian coffin yesterday in preparation for an upcoming exhibition, Tombs of Eternity: The Afterlife in Ancient Egypt.

In coming days, visitors will be able to watch restoration work being done on the coffin — considered one of the finest from late-period Egypt in Canada — before the exhibit opens Dec. 19.

The coffin contains the mummified remains of a 65-year-old woman from northern Egypt and is on loan from the UQAM. It was damaged to the point where pieces were coming off.

"The university had done a fabulous job of stabilizing the piece, but did not have the expertise to restore it," said Dr. Matthew Betts, the Museum of Civilization's curator of archeology.

The elaborately decorated Hetep-Bastet coffin arrived in Canada in 1927 as a gift from the Cairo Museum to Montreal's Ecole des Beaux-Arts and is now part of the collection at the Universite du Quebec a Montreal. In 1969, the coffin was seriously damaged during a student protest at the École des Beaux-Arts.

In addition to consolidating the flaking layers and paint, the conservators will be using fish skin glue to piece the coffin back together, said conservator John Moses.

The opportunity to see conservators working is rare in itself, said Betts.

"They get to glimpse a piece of Egypt's history that is not under glass, that's being worked on by experts of conservation."

Betts expects the exhibit will draw a lot of interest.

"Mummies are a huge draw for people," he said. "They're very appealing to people because you're brought face to face with the past."

Conservators will be working on the coffin Nov. 18, 20, and 25, from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

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U of T gives honorary doctorate to Dr. Jane Goodall
World famous primatologist Dr. Jane Goodall is expected to receive two honorary doctorates in Toronto this week, with the first degree being awarded last tonight by the University of Toronto. Goodall, 74, is also scheduled to receive a Doctorate of Philosophy from the University of Haifa at a fundraising dinner on Sunday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Canada

CBC probing Afghan arrests

The CBC has formally asked Afghan authorities for more details on the detainment of two Afghan employees who were working with journalist Mellissa Fung, left, when she was abducted last month, CBC News publisher John Cruickshank said yesterday. Fung, 35, was released on Saturday after spending 28 days in captivity by what she described as a "family business" of kidnappers eager to "finish her case" and get paid a ransom. CBC NEWS ONLINE

Who would win in a fight, Mr. Martin?

PAUL MCLEOD
Metro Canada

Paul Martin was in Halifax today to promote his new book. Metro News reporter Paul McLeod sat down one-on-one with the former Liberal PM. He asked him some serious questions. And then, he asked these.

Paul Martin

Metro: Jean Chretien famously said we may one day see him with a joint in his hand after he retires. Could we expect the same from you?

PM: No, because I don't smoke.

Metro: Deep down, does Danny Williams just need a hug?

PM: I think Danny Williams is a very effective leader. He's the kind of leader Newfoundland looks for.

Metro: Who would win in a fight, you or Jean Chretien?

PM: Uh, I'm not going to get into that.

Metro: If you could declare war on one country, which one would you choose?

PM: I wouldn't.

Metro: If Quebec separated, would you run to be its Prime Minister?

PM: It won't.

Metro: If you knew you could get away with it, would you egg Stephen Harper's house?

PM: (Laughter) No, because I lived there.

Liberal leadership **Ignatieff to run**

BLAIR GABLE/REUTERS

Liberal MP Michael Ignatieff arrives to a news conference with his wife Zsuzsanna Zsohar to announce his candidacy for the Liberal Party of Canada leadership, yesterday. The Liberals will hold a leadership convention in Vancouver this spring. MP's Bob Rae and Dominic LeBlanc are also expected to run.

Youth violence study to encourage prevention

CRIME A long-awaited probe into youth violence will recommend improving mental health services for young people and streamlining government departments to ensure better access to programs.

The landmark "Roots of Youth Violence" study by former Liberal MPP Alvin Curling and retired Ontario chief justice Roy McMurtry being released this morning follows the adage that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

"Government must act. If you don't do it, it costs you more," Curling, a former cabinet minister, and legislative speaker, said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Jordan Manners

- The study was commissioned by Premier Dalton McGuinty after the May 2007 shooting death of student Jordan Manners at his Toronto school, C. W. Jefferys Collegiate.

News in brief

POLITICS The Liberals, NDP and the Bloc Québécois urged the federal government to bail out the ailing auto industry, yesterday. The parties say the automakers will be in even bigger danger if Ottawa does not respond to a planned $25-billion aid package that the U.S. is discussing. REUTERS

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Marches planed to protest rejection of gay marriage in California

The rejection of gay marriage by California voters has unleashed a hurricane of protest on the Internet, with some supporters venting their anger and others planning national demonstrations. Dozens of marches and meetings are planned for 1:30 p.m. EST Saturday. **REUTERS**

World

Interpol cracks down on drug ring

Authorities in nine countries have raided businesses suspected of supplying medicines illegally over the Internet in an unprecedented global swoop co-ordinated by Interpol, officials said yesterday. The operation, codenamed Pangea, involved dozens of locations in Britain, Germany, Ireland, Israel, New Zealand, Singapore, Switzerland, Canada and the United States.

REUTERS

Three giant planets seen by telescope

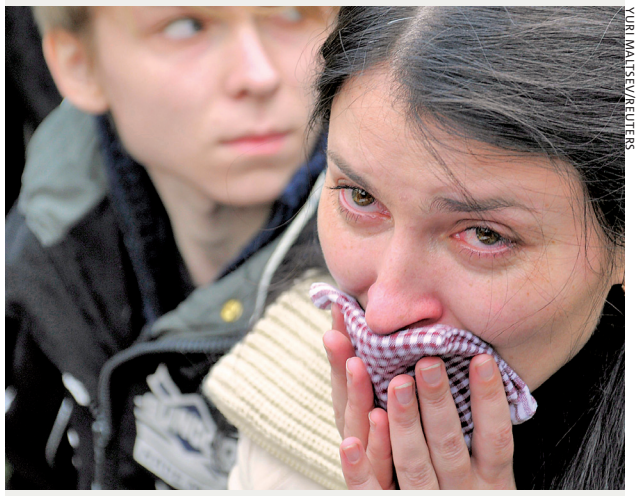
UNIVERSE Telescopes on land have caught the first real visual images of multiple planets orbiting another star.

The orbiting Hubble Space Telescope has found its own planet, the first so-called exoplanet to be found purely visually.

One set of images shows three giant planets orbiting a star named HR8799 in the constellation Pegasus, about 130 light-years away from the Earth. A light-year is the distance light travels in a year, or 6 trillion miles (10 trillion km).

REUTERS

Russia **Funeral for sub victims**



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Relatives grieve during a funeral ceremony for the victims of an accident on Russia's Nerpa nuclear submarine yesterday. Russian prosecutors said yesterday they had opened a criminal case against a sailor suspected of triggering the accident on the Russian nuclear submarine that killed 20 people.

Obama's inauguration the hottest ticket ever?

How much would you pay for a front row seat to history?

Tickets for the swearing-in ceremony of Barack Obama, who will become the United States' first black president on Jan. 20, are already being advertised for thousands of dollars.

There's just one small problem: the tickets are not publicly available, at least not yet. They will be released to the public only in the week before the ceremony, says the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies.

240,000 tickets

- Some 240,000 tickets will be distributed through the offices of U.S. congressmen and senators for the swearing-in ceremony itself.

The committee is outraged that the tickets are being advertised for sale on online auction site EBay and other websites since they are meant to be free. One senator is even drawing up legislation to outlaw their sale.

EBay spokeswoman Nichola Sharpe said EBay officials met members of the committee Wednesday and agreed to withdraw all ads for inauguration ceremony tickets.

EBay is currently advertising two tickets with a starting bid of $10,000, while online ticket brokers stubhub.com, a unit of eBay, and stagefront.com are advertising tickets between $1,400 and $2,350.

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IMPRISONED Austrian Josef Fritzl, who imprisoned his daughter in a cellar for 24 years and fathered seven children by her, has been charged with the murder of one of their children who died shortly after birth.

KIDNAPPING Gunmen abducted an Iranian diplomat in Peshawar, Pakistan yesterday, a day after a U.S. aid worker was shot dead in the city on the front line of an Islamist insurgency sweeping northwest Pakistan and parts of Afghanistan.

EUTHANASIA Italy's top court has authorized a father to disconnect the feeding tube which has kept his comatose daughter alive for 16 years, removing the last legal hurdle in a landmark right-to-die case that has split the country.

PREGNANCY Thomas Beatie, who was born a woman but lives as a man in Oregon after surgery and hormone treatment, is expecting a second child, Beatie has told Barbara Walters in an interview set to air on television today.

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A political hangover

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After the smoke, fire and histrionics of the U.S. election, intensified only briefly and slightly by our own federal campaign, the mood of the headlines and both countries has subsided into a mood resembling Sunday morning following a big bender.

The Republican party's defeat has prompted what's referred to as a circular firing squad, with everyone blaming everyone else, with Sarah Palin being singled out in particular — and tediously predictable — for blame, though it turned out that many of the unnamed John McCain campaign workers cited by supposedly reputable media like MSNBC and The New Republic as sources for the worst accusations were the work of a longtime hoaxer. It's been that kind of a week.

It hardly matters anyway, since confidence in mainstream media coverage is at an all-time low, and newspapers such as the Washington Post have published shamefaced admissions that their coverage of the campaign might have been, on reflection, a little biased. That won't stop the frenzy of kidney punches and kneecappings inside and outside the Republican party, though that might be a good thing; the party that ran this election might just as well forward all the campaign speeches of its next candidate to Saturday Night Live's writer's room in advance.

In the meantime, there are fleeting glimpses that the much-anticipated "Change" promised by the winning candidate might not be as earth-shattering as expected, as the president-elect's prospective choices for cabinet positions are thick with Clinton-era veterans, a pre-chewed meal that hardly smells like the prelude to a revolution, though we may all be grateful for that.

There's a crude poetry to the tradition of holding presidential inaugurations in mid-winter, where the likelihood of a swearing-in on the U.S. Capitol steps in the teeth of inclement weather is ripe with portents of the trials ahead. Between now and then, however, Barack Obama is limited to playing at president while the media (hopefully) begins shifting gears from lapdog to peevish teenager, while George W. Bush has little to do but taunt Dick Cheney by suggesting they hire Will Ferrell to stand in for him so he can head home early.

There's a curse, apocryphally attributed to some unknown Chinese sage and too frequently evoked by lazy editorialists, that wishes that the subject "live in interesting times." I was born eight months after the Kennedy assassination, six days after Lyndon Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act, and have lived in interesting times my whole life. I long — with little expectation of satisfaction by now — for a year or two of Eisenhower-era political torpor and complacency, if only to catch up on my reading. These two months of doldrums might be the closest I'll get.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

MICHAEL DE ADDER

Views

Choosing the correct economic direction

By BEVERLY TOPPING

Beverly Topping

Meltdown. Recession. Crash. Depression. Most of us thought something like this was never going to happen again and that our economic system would continue to produce gains, albeit with the occasional slowdown.

The current global economic meltdown is continuing to produce tremors around the world. The implications for countries, businesses and individuals continue to unfold. When will it all come to an end? This is very difficult to predict, but my sense is that we have a way to go yet.

Many countries around the world are experiencing slower, if any, growth in their economies. Our biggest trading partner, the U.S., shows every evidence of a lengthy recession. When the U.S. falters, we can expect adverse impacts here at home. Indeed, we are already seeing some signs of this in terms of a stagnant GDP and layoffs in financial services firms among others. When credit tightens, businesses — especially small- and medium-sized enterprises — have a difficult time financing their current operations or expanding to take advantage of new opportunities.

Why did this financial crisis happen? There have been thousands of words written about this already and I suspect there will be many thousands more. Fingers have been pointing in every direction: Governments, central bankers, regulators, financial services firms, individual borrowers, and the list goes on, including directors of companies.

To our credit, Canada has had an impressive track record regarding corporate governance. Indeed, the process of raising the bar for corporate directors in Canada continues to gain momentum. The Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD) is dedicated to strengthening corporate governance through education, awareness, training and certification. We know that better directors make for better boards and that leads to stronger corporate performance.

Unlike the U.S., Canada has not seen any financial services company implode and none are teetering on the brink. Our boards and company managements seem to have avoided the excesses we have seen elsewhere. Nevertheless, they are under pressure arising from external events, and governments have rightly moved in to stabilize matters.

I am confident Canada will come through this crisis with even stronger corporate governance. At the ICD, we will identify the lessons learned — be they in risk management, executive compensation, strategic decision-making, financial management, information disclosure or other governance areas — and ensure they are foremost in the minds of directors going forward.

Beverly Topping (ICD.D) is president and CEO of the Institute of Corporate Directors.

Letters

Judith Wouk, OTTAWA

Re: Anti-war "white poppy" wreath vexes on veterans' day (Nov. 11)

Thank you for acknowledging the white poppy campaign. Your story on the white poppies is balanced, it has two paragraphs pro, including one quote, and two paragraphs and the headline against, with two quotes.

Where, however, is the similar balance in your front-page article and photo, your page-three article and photos, and the article on page six? They make no mention of the culture of peace.

How does it disrespect the fallen soldiers to point out that they are not the only casualties of war?

I quote from a column on a different topic, "War will exist until that distant day" (John F. Kennedy) said, "when the conscientious objector enjoys the same reputation and prestige that the warrior does today."

Lyle Walter Jr., OTTAWA

Re: Addressing an elephant (Nov. 12)

Mr. Sullivan, thank you for telling it like it is re: the Bloc and Canadian political parties. It boggles the mind.

I have been saying this for more years than I care to remember. It seems that we in Canada spend more time and effort appeasing Quebec than anything else.

David Hamilton, Calgary

Re: Addressing an elephant (Nov. 12)

Paul Sullivan asks a bizarre question that we heard before and during the election, namely: "What kind of country allows a separatist party to hold the balance of power?"

Surely the answer is obvious: A democratic country. What is he advocating here — banning political parties whose views some people don't like?

That's ridiculous and hardly worthy of taking up space in your paper.

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Consumers drinking less pop

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Business in brief

JINGLING BELLS Video game sales are expected to be strong this year and in 2009, despite the economic troubles that have hurt some of the retail stores that sell the games, industry executives said yesterday. Their optimism is fueled by solid sales of advanced gaming consoles made by Nintendo, Sony and Microsoft.

SUPERMARKET Loblaw Cos., Canada's largest supermarket chain, said its earnings, sales and profit margin rose in the third quarter, pushing its shares up as much as 12 per cent, but it warned that a slowing economy could hold back its performance for the rest of the year. Earnings rose 32 per cent to $155 million. REUTERS

Shrinking surplus

Canada sells less energy, fewer cars to U.S.

Canada's trade surplus shrank more than expected in September as the country sold less energy and fewer cars to the slowing U.S. market, while imports resumed their climb after a brief slump, Statistics Canada said yesterday.

The surplus narrowed to $4.49 billion, the lowest level since January, from a revised $5.63 billion in August. The median forecast of analysts was for a surplus of $4.95 billion.

Despite the retreat in exports, the trade data still suggest modest economic growth in the third quarter, analysts said.

However, the fourth quarter outlook is bleak as the global economy heads for recession, likely triggering more interest rate cuts by the central bank and, according to at least one economist, a return of monthly trade deficits for the first time in more than three decades. REUTERS

Vehicle exports

- Exports of automotive products fell 3.4 per cent, the eighth decline in 12 months, due to weak U.S. demand and a plant shutdown.

Nortel could go bankrupt: Analyst

RISK Nortel Networks will have to rely on asset sales to fund its operations, and risks running out of money before 2011, said RBC Capital Markets analyst Mark Sue. REUTERS

Economies feel slowdown pain

BLEAK The U.S., China and Germany have all provided new evidence of the global economic slide. Germany's economy contracted 0.5 per cent in the third quarter, putting it in recession for the first time in five years. China's industrial output growth slowed to 8.2 per cent in October. And in the U.S., initial claims for unemployment insurance climbed to 516,000 in the week ended Nov. 1. REUTERS

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Maradona to quit?
Diego Maradona has allegedly threatened to resign after only two weeks as Argentina coach, furious because the president of the country's soccer federation won't let him freely appoint the remaining members of his coaching staff. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Lee beats Halladay for Cy Young

Cliff Lee took home the American League Cy Young Award in a runaway yesterday, becoming the second consecutive Cleveland Indians lefty to earn the coveted prize. Lee went a major league-best 22-3 this season with a 2.54 ERA. Toronto ace Roy Halladay was a distant runner-up with four first-place votes and 71 points. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Senators booed off the ice

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The Isles' Andy Sutton knocks down Nick Foligno last night.

THE SKINNY: The Ottawa Senators' woes continue after a 3-1 loss to the New York Islanders — the last-place team in the National Hockey League.

THE LOSING SKID: With last night's defeat, Ottawa has now lost three consecutive games. Prior to their current winless streak the Senators had won four of five games.

THE RUMBLINGS: Senators fans are not happy with the way their team is playing, especially after getting dumped by the Isles last night. After the loss the Senators skated off the ice to a chorus of boos at Scotiabank Place.

THE QUOTE: **"I'm very disappointed with our level of desperation and competition,"** said Craig Hartsburg, Sens head coach. **"We need to wake up. The personality of our team has to be grittier and start winning battles for the puck."**

THE POWER SURGE: Three of the four goals in last night's contest were scored on the power play. Senators D Filip Kuba, along with Islanders forwards Kyle Okposo and Trent Hunter notched markers with the man advantage.

THE FIRST TALLY: Kuba's goal was his first in an Ottawa uniform after being acquired by the Senators in a trade with the Tampa Bay Lightning last summer. However, he is a top playmaker on the team, having notched 14 assists in 15 games before last night's contest.

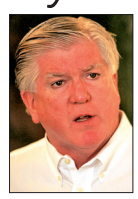
THE DEBUT: Forward Ryan Shannon made his first appearance in a Senators uniform against the Islanders after playing in the AHL for Binghamton. Shannon had to be helped off the ice late in the third period after being hit by the Islanders Thomas Polk.

THE NEXT GAME: Ottawa plays the second half of a home-and-home series against the Islanders at Nassau Memorial Coliseum on Long Island, Saturday night at 7 p.m. (MSG, Plus 2).

Burke has plenty of suitors

Brian Burke is a wanted man. Cases are being made in at least nine NHL cities for his services, and that's not counting the Toronto Maple Leafs, the team where most NHL observers expect him to land as president and general manager.

His flare and no-nonsense brand of hockey is already causing him to be portrayed as a potential folk hero in hard-nosed hockey towns like Boston and Philadelphia. He has close ties to people like Glen Sather in New York, Roy Mlakar in Ottawa, and Harry Sinden and Peter Chiarelli in Boston. The list of potential, non-Toronto options for Burke include Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia, Ottawa and the Rangers.



Burke

The leading factor in Burke's departure from Anaheim stemmed from the fact he worked for a team that was so far away from the four children he has from his first marriage, all of who live in the Boston area.

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Vick expects to return to NFL

Michael Vick's bankruptcy lawyers say the imprisoned NFL quarterback expects to return to football. Lawyers wrote in a disclosure statement that Vick "has every reason to believe" he will be reinstated by the NFL once he completes a 23-month sentence for a federal dogfighting conviction last summer. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Home field disadvantage

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The Calgary Stampeders and Montreal Alouettes will buck a weird CFL trend if they win their division finals at home tomorrow. Strangely, visiting teams have won the CFL's past four playoff games, all as underdogs. Almost as bizarre — or perhaps more bizarre — is that Michael Bishop was the losing quarterback in two of those four games. He was the Toronto Argonauts' QB when they lost to the Winnipeg Blue Bombers in the Eastern semifinal last season and was the Roughriders' QB when they lost to the B.C. Lions in the Western semifinal last Saturday. Saskatchewan released Bishop immediately after the loss. "The Roughriders might still be playing," CFL guru Jack Morrow cracked, "if they'd been as quick to remove Bishop during the game as they were afterwards."

• The selection yesterday of Montreal's Anthony Calvillo as an offensive all-star should tip you off on who will be chosen the CFL's most-outstanding player this season ... Calvillo would be the CFL's comeback player as well — if the league had such an award ... Wes Cates was traded by Calgary to Saskatchewan before last season because he couldn't supplant Joffrey Reynolds as the Stampeders' running back. Yesterday, Cates and Reynolds were chosen the CFL's all-star running backs ... The Als' Jamel Richardson, who couldn't establish himself as a mainstay during his years in Saskatchewan, became Calvillo's favourite target this season and became one of the CFL's all-star receivers yesterday ... For my playoff picks, incidentally, visit metronews.ca for my latest CFL Report.

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Starting literally minutes after its predecessor, Casino Royale, left off, Quantum of Solace roars off with a car chase that sets the brisk pace director Marc Forster keeps up for the latest — and shortest — movie in the James Bond franchise.

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Singer James Blunt ready for his stint as Metro editor.

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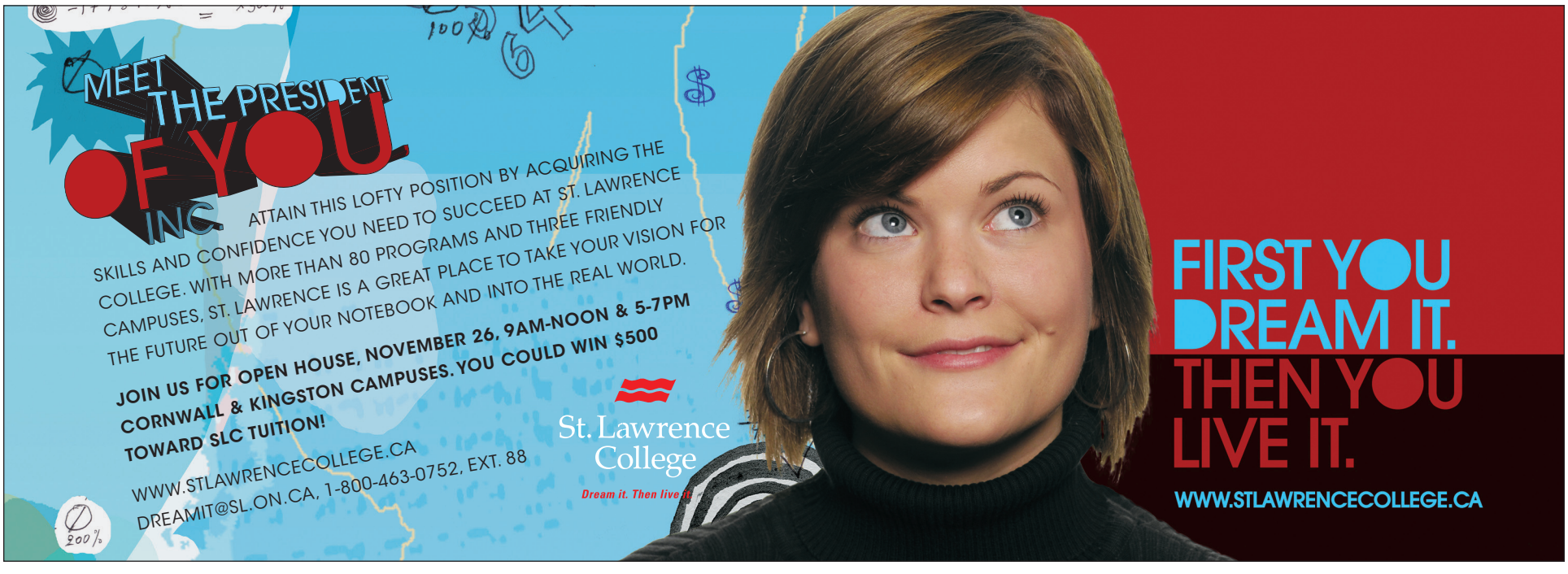
New album shows Meredith Luce's 'musical pregnancy.'



No music Oscar for The Dark Knight

The Dark Knight has been disqualified from the race for the Original Music Score Oscar because the composers credited others on their sheet music for royalty reasons , according to Spout.com. IMDB.COM

Movies

A CLASSIC; EXCELLENT; GOOD; FAIR; POOR

Bond tuneless

Quantum of **Solace**

Director: Marc Forster
Stars: Daniel Craig, Olga Kurylenko
Classification: PG
Rating:

RICK MCGINNIS
Metro Canada

The best Bond films have always lived up to their theme song, and unfortunately the blaring — but tuneless — Jack White/Alicia Keys intro to Quantum of Solace too ably sets the tone for what follows.

The movie starts literally minutes after its predecessor, Casino Royale, ended, with a pre-credit car chase that sums up director Marc Forster's brisk approach to the story.

Action scenes are the meat of Bond movies. Most of what we see in Quantum of Solace is at least as good as the standards set in previous films; relentless, and more than a bit improbable — if done properly.

One scene, set during an opera performance, is actually groundbreaking, an almost abstract action set piece that owes its success as much to sound editing as stunt work.

There seems to be a bit missing from the film, though. It's short for a Bond film, and the deliberately anticlimactic ending makes the experience on the whole a lot less draining — and thrilling — than the best of the series.

Politics intrudes with the clumsy, didactic gracelessness that's a hallmark of too many movies today. Though, the film's basic flaw is intrinsic to the story, which is focused around an emotionally wounded Bond with little time — or inclination — for the reckless pleasures or black humour that have defined the character in the other movies.

Daniel Craig's Bond is still an excellent incarnation of the character, and the decision to beef up Judi Dench's role as M, his spymaster, is paying subtle dividends that will, hopefully, start paying off more generously in the next film — which will start gracing us with a new Q, or a Moneypenny, at the very least.

Bond, played by Daniel Craig, is back in Quantum of Solace.

Mehta's mixed results

Heaven **on Earth**

Director: Deepa Mehta
Stars: Preity Zinta, Vansh Bhardwaj
Classification: 14A
Rating:

KEVIN COURRIER
for Metro Canada

Director Deepa Mehta's last three films — Fire, Earth and Water — focused largely on issues of social reform in her birthplace of India.

In Heaven on Earth, she turns her dramatic eye toward the problem of domestic abuse in an Indian-Canadian family. Unfortunately, it's with mixed results.

Chand (played by Bollywood star Preity Zinta) is a young Punjabi woman sent to Canada by her mother as part of an arranged marriage. Her husband Rocky (Vansh Bhardwaj) is both immature and a brutally abusive Indo-Canadian man.

Yet that's only part of the problem. His family is also dominated by a quietly oppressive mother (Belinder Johal), who may adhere to the tradition of seeing her son married, but is unconsciously jealous of Chand and deeply possessive of her son. To protect herself, Chand eventually turns to the powerful symbols in her folklore to help assert her independence.

In Heaven on Earth, Mehta tries to mix the brutal realism of spousal violence with magic realism to illuminate Chand's difficult struggles. But the two styles don't mesh and the picture's emotional force gets rapidly diffused.

While showing little capacity for invoking fairy-tale enchantment, Mehta also fails to deepen our understanding of the conflicts at the heart of the marriage. Rather than explore how Chand's union with Rocky ignites powerful emotional currents within a fiercely traditional Punjabi clan, Mehta settles instead for a cursory melodrama.

Twilight soundtrack debuts at No. 1
The soundtrack to Twilight starts atop The Billboard 200 this week, according to Warner Music, becoming the third No. 1 soundtrack this year after Juno and Mamma Mia! METRO NEWS SERVICES

Reel Time

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New genre for Bond

InFocus

Richard Crouse

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This week, you can't throw a steel-brimmed hat without hitting a billboard or poster for Quantum of Solace. Daniel Craig's mug is so omnipresent, it's impossible to get a quantum of relief from his stern but handsome mug.

It seems the whole world has gone Bond crazy, but this is nothing new. James Bond — and whoever is playing the super spy — has always been big news, but there is only so much of him to go around.

That's why enterprising filmmakers have frequently retooled the Bondian formula of guns, girls and gadgets to attract new audiences.

During the late 1960s wave of Bondmania, Dean Martin staggered through a quartet of spy spoofs based on the literary character Matt Helm, giving new meaning to the advertising tagline "America's Loaded Weapon."

Since then, the Bond knock-off business has boomed and 007 wannabes in all shapes and sizes have blossomed. There's adolescent Bond in Agent Cody Banks, a version for teens called xXx ("Now I know what xXx stands for: Xtremely Xcruciating Xperience" raved one critic) and parodies like Get Smart and Austin Powers.

Wilder still is Operation Kid Brother. In a blatant attempt to satisfy audience's need for all things Bond in 1967, producers cast Sean Connery's younger brother Neil as a plastic surgeon and hypnotist recruited by her Majesty's Secret Service to thwart the evil crime syndicate Thanatos. He's called into action, the movie explains, because "his brother is out on a routine mission."

Wow, perfect casting! Except Neil can't act. The film flopped so badly it could have been the reason bargain bins were invented, and Neil soon returned to his former job as a plasterer.

Richard Crouse is the author of Son of the 100 Best Movies You've Never Seen and film critic for CTV's Canada AM.

Twilight fans have high hopes

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Movie feature

When someone mentions Stephenie Meyer's teen novel phenomena Twilight, the title sparks one of two reactions: Either an excited rant from a member of one of world's most devoted fan bases, or a blank stare.

Twilight has already sold more than 17 million copies, and the cinematic adaptation being released next week will likely follow with a new run up the book charts.

Don't feel bad if you haven't heard of the series. It probably just means you're not a teenage girl — barely anyone involved with the film had heard of it, either.

"I did not read the books. (The script) was forced on me," says Kristen Stewart, who plays Bella in the film.

Bella is a young girl who moves to a new town and immediately falls for a high school classmate. However, things get a little complicated when it turns out that her dream boy is actually a vampire struggling to decide if he wants to kiss her or sink his teeth into her neck.

"I didn't like the outline because it seemed very shallow and vain to me, like Bella was in love with this guy just because he was the hottest thing she had ever seen. But when I finally read the script, I begged to get the audition," Stewart says.

"I'd never heard of the books," adds Melissa Rosenberg, who wrote the screenplay.

"(Comic Con) was the first time I really understood just how huge this was and a cold sweat came over me when they were about to play a clip and I realized that I didn't do it exactly like it was in the book.

"You don't want to be the person who killed Twilight for a generation."

Despite the lack of familiarity on the part of some of the movie's creators — many of whom have since become fans of the book —reaction to their work among Twilight readers has been positive so far.

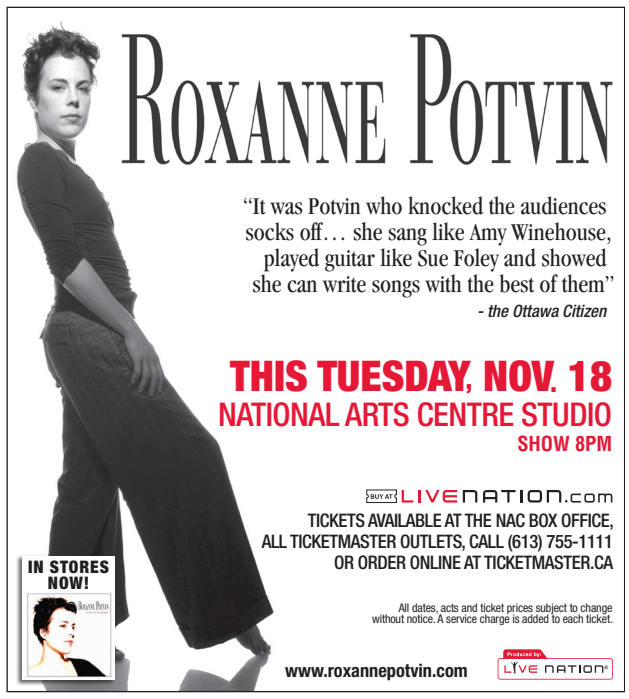
"It's been fascinating because some people have said this is the most true adaptation of a novel they've ever seen," said director Catherine Hadwicke, who also made the indie teen flick Thirteen.

"I love that because it's true to the notions and the spirit, but it's not true to the book in many ways. We interpreted it and tried to make it visual, emotional, dynamic and cinematic. I'd say I put my own stamp on every scene,"

The filmmakers' work is eagerly anticipated by the legions of fans that have shown up in droves for every early screening held so far. No one involved with the movie expected anything like this level of reaction.

"The crowds of people screaming makes you want to cry," Stewart said.

Twilight gets its cinematic release next week.



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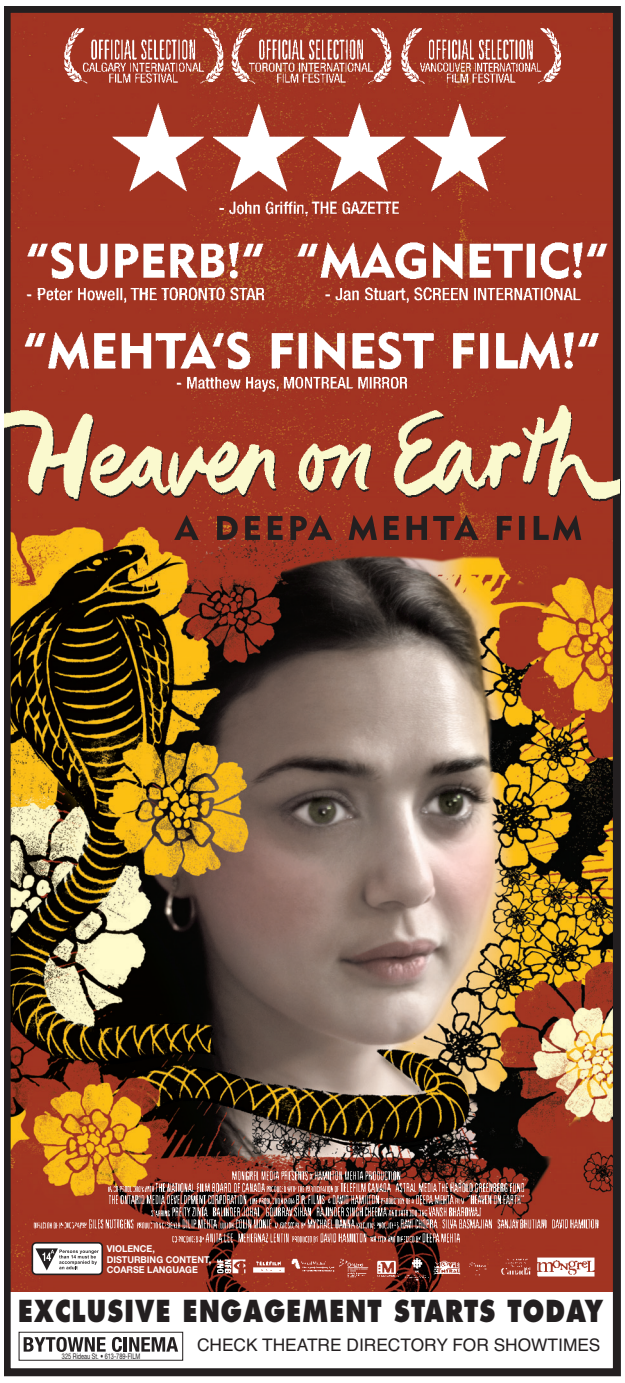

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Flow: For Love of Water (G) Mon-Tue 6:50 Wed-Thu 9
Heaven on Earth (Punjabi w/e.s.t.) (14A) Fri 6:55 Sat 9:25 Sun 1:45-6:35 Mon 4:30 Tue 8:55 Wed-Thu 6:40
I've Loved You So Long (French w/e.s.t.) (14A) Fri 9:15 Sat 4:25-6:55 Sun 4:05
Jules et Jim (STC) Mon 8:55 Tue 4:30
Religulous (14A) Fri 4:45 Sat 2:15 Sun 8:55 Wed-Thu 4:30

CANADIAN FILM INSTITUTE
2 Daly Ave., Suite 120, 613-232-6727

Entre les murs (STC) Fri 7
Loss (STC) Sat 7

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240 McLeod St., 613-566-4700

Great Natural Wonders of the World (STC) Fri 3 Sat-Sun 11:30-1:30-3:30 Thu 6 Fri 4 Sat-Sun 12:30-2:30-4:30 Thu 7
Nature Scopers: Scope Out the World Around Us (STC) Sat-Sun 9:30-10:30 Sat-Sun 10-11

COLISEUM OTTAWA
3090 Carling Ave., 613-596-9475

Body of Lies (14A) Fri 1:20-4:30-7:25-10:15 Sat 4:30-7:25-10:15 Sun 1:20-4:30-7:25-10:15 Mon-Wed 4:30-7:25-10:15 Thu 4:30-7:25
Bolt (G) Sneak Preview Sat 7
Changeling (14A) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:50-10:05 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:50-10:05
Dostana (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (STC) No Passes Fri 2-5:15-8:30 Sat-Sun 2-5:15-8:30 Mon-Thu 5:15-8:30
High School Musical 3: Senior Year (G) Fri 1:10-4:20-7:05-9:50 Sat 1:10-4:20-9:50 Sun 1:10-4:20-7:05-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:05-9:50
Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:40-1:30-3-4:10-5:20-7:10-7:50-9:20-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:10-5:20-7:10-7:50-9:20-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Passchendaele (14A) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:40-6:40-9:25 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:40-9:25
Quantum of Solace (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-1-3:30-4-6:30-7-9:30-10 No Passes Mon-Wed 3:30-4-6:30-7-9:30-10 No Passes Thu 4-7-10 No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:30-6:30-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Role Models (18A) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:40-7:30-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:30-9:55
Salome (Strauss) - Metropolitan Opera - Encore Presentation (STC) Sat 1
Twilight (PG) No Passes, Sneak Preview Thu 10
Zack and Miri Make a Porno (18A) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:50-7:20-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:20-9:40

EMPIRE 7 CINEMAS
111 Albert St., 3rd Floor
World Exchange Plaza, 613-233-0209

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Rachel Getting Married (14A) Fri 4-6:40-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:40-4-6:40-9:20 Mon-Thu 4-6:40-9:20
RocknRolla (14A) Fri 4:10-7:10-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:45-4:10-7:10-9:40 Mon-Wed 4:10-7:10-9:40 Thu 4:10-9:40
Role Models (18A) Fri 3:50-7:20-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:50-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 3:50-7:20-9:50
Zack and Miri Make a Porno (18A) Fri 3:45-6:50-9:15 Sat-Sun 1:10-3:45-6:50-9:15 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:50-9:15

MAYFAIR THEATRE
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Appaloosa (14A) Fri 9:10 Sat 7
Bottle Shock (14A) Sun 9:15 Mon-Tue 7
The Duchess (14A) Fri 7 Sat 9:10
Flash of Genius (PG) Sun 7 Mon-Tue 9:10
Killer (STC) Sat 1:15
Ottawa Film Society (STC) Wed-Thu

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The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG) Sat 2

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Burn After Reading (14A) Fri-Thu 3:15-5:10-7:15
City of Ember (PG) Fri-Thu 10:30-12:35-2:45-4:55-7:05-9:10
The Duchess (14A) Fri-Wed 10:40-1-9:20 Thu 10:40-9:20 Thu 1
Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri-Thu 10-12:15-2:25-6:35
Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist (PG) Fri-Thu 4:40-8:50
Nights in Rodanthe (PG) Fri-Thu 10:20-12:25-2:35-6:50
Religulous (14A) Fri-Thu 4:45-9
W. (PG) Fri-Thu 10:10-6:55-9:30
WALL-E (G) Fri-Thu 12:50-2:50-5

RIDEAU CENTRE CINEMAS
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Happy-Go-Lucky (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 3:50-6:40-9:05 Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 1:25-3:50-6:40-9:05 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon 3:50-9:05 Dolby Stereo Digital Tue-Wed 3:50-6:40-9:05 Dolby Stereo Digital Thu 3:50-6:40
High School Musical 3: Senior Year (G) SDDS Digital Fri 4-6:45-9:10 SDDS Digital Sat-Sun 1:15-4-6:45-9:10 SDDS Digital Mon-Thu 4-6:45-9:10
Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri 4:10-6:35-9 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Sat-Sun 1:35-4:10-6:35-9 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 4:10-6:35-9
Twilight (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Thu 10

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Bolt in Disney Digital 3D (G) Sneak Preview Sat 7
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Twilight (PG) No Passes, Sneak Preview Thu 10
Zack and Miri Make a Porno (18A) Fri-Thu 10:25-1:20-4:15-7:35-10

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CANADIAN MUSEUM OF CIVILIZATION
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Grand Canyon Adventure: River at Risk (STC) Fri 11-2-5-7 Sat 11-2-4-7-9 Sun 11-2-5 Tue 11-2-5-8 Wed 2-5-7 Thu 11-2-5-7-9
Grand Canyon: Fleuve en Peril (STC) Fri 1-10 Sat 10-4 Sun 10-1 Tue 4-7 Wed 1-9 Thu 4
Ocean Sauvage (STC) Fri 4-9 Sat 1 Sun 4 Tue 1 Wed 4-8 Thu 1
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La Bunny du campus (G) Fri-Sun 5:10-8:45 Mon-Thu 9:05
C'est pas moi, je le jure! (G) Fri-Sun 5:15-7:10 Mon-Thu 1:40-3:35-7:10
Le Chihuahua de Beverly Hills (G) Fri-Sun 12-1:40-3:20-5:20 Mon-Thu 12-5:40
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En quarantaine (13+) Fri-Sun 9:05 Mon-Thu 9:10
Faubourg 36 (G) Mon-Thu 1:40-6
Kung Fu Panda v.f. (G) Fri-Sun 12
Paris (G) Mon-Thu 3:45-8:05
Passchendaele (13+) Fri-Sun 7-9 Mon-Thu 1:40-3:40-7:15
Une vie de mensonges (13+) Fri-Sun 6:45-9 Mon-Thu 1:45-4-7-9:10
Voyage au centre de la Terre (G) Fri-Sun 1:40-3:20-5 Mon-Thu 12
WALL-E v.f. (G) Fri-Sun 12-1:45-3:30 Mon-Thu 12

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En toute loyauté (13+) Fri 6:30-9:15 Sat-Sun 12:15-3:10-6:30-9:15 Mon 6:30-9:15 Tue 12:15-3:10-6:30-9:15 Wed 6:30-9:15 Thu 9:15
High School Musical 3: La dernière année (G) Fri 7-9:35 Sat-Sun 1-3:50-7-9:35 Mon 7-9:35 Tue 1-3:50-7-9:35 Wed-Thu 7-9:35
Madagascar 2 v.f. (G) No Passes Fri 6:50-9:05 No Passes Sat-Sun 12-2:15-4:30-6:50-9:05 No Passes Mon 6:50-9:05 No Passes Tue 12-2:15-4:30-6:50-9:05 No Passes Wed-Thu 6:50-9:05
Plein gaz (STC) Fri 6:45-9:15 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:05-6:45-9:15 Mon 6:45-9:15 Tue 12:30-3:05-6:45-9:15 Wed-Thu 6:45-9:15
Twilight: la fascination (STC) No Passes Thu 10
Zack et Miri font un porno (16+) Fri-Thu 9

The bestselling albums at Amazon.ca
1. And Winter Came, Enya, right; **2.** Let It Snow, Michael Bublé; **3.** A Winter Symphony, Sarah Brightman; **4.** Soul, Seal; **5.** Black Ice, AC/DC. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

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James Blunt plays Scotiabank Place on Nov. 29.

Blunt words

Singer to guest edit Metro

JIM REYNO
Metro Canada

How's this for a headline: Brangelina Share Café Latte En Route To Adoption Agency. Not on James Blunt's watch.

The multimillion-selling singer-songwriter will be Metro International's first global guest editor for the Nov. 17 edition.

"I don't think celebrity coverage is that interesting, really," Blunt said in a recent interview, adding that the media should "temper" their coverage of fluff with more serious stuff.

And don't give him that line about the media being a mere reflection of what's happening in the world, as one editor said long ago to a young reporter.

"You have drug addicts and you have drug dealers," Blunt said on his cellphone before a concert in Nurnberg, Germany. "Your (former) boss is saying he's the drug dealer, and he's not to blame then, is he? The addicts need help."

Blunt, whose breakout hit was You're Beautiful in 2005, says the worldwide, free Metro can lead the way to less frivolous coverage.

"I think, probably, something like Metro … (is) in a relatively good position to approach journalism for the original reasons, which is presumably to investigate and inform people," he said. "Whereas if your focus purely becomes newspaper sales — suddenly the truth is less interesting over what is sensationalistic.

"So I definitely think a balance has to be found."

Blunt, whose first two albums have sold more than 14 million copies worldwide, says he jumped at the chance to get a behind-the-scenes look at a newspaper.

"The power of the media is phenomenal," said the 34-year-old Brit. "In a way, one could argue that they decide governments in the first place. Definitely, at least, in Britain."

Blunt will work with global editor-in-chief Sakari Pitkanen at Metro's Rome office in advance of the Nov. 17 issue.

"We have a few topics we're going to work up together," said Blunt. "He's going to show me the ropes, really, and discuss what's going on in the world today. It will be really interesting to do that.

"It's a pretty amazing period of time right now, and I see that from being on tour."

Blunt, who served six years in the British army, kicks off the Canadian leg of his 14-month world tour Nov. 17 in Vancouver. He'll play 12 dates here, including three in Alberta, where he spent six months in 1998 at CFB Suffield.

"On the Canadian prairie, which is an amazing place to be," said Blunt. "I saw the Northern Lights at night, and moose and wolves running past. A really beautiful part of the world."

new gig

• On Monday, James Blunt will become Metro International's first global guest editor. Pick up Metro to read Blunt's column in the Comments & Views section and more!

Music Picks

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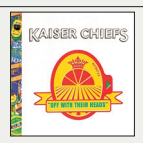
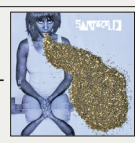


• **Mother Mother, O My Heart:** Quirky collective bounce and sway with torch-song intensity in an ornate, yet catchy pop universe with a Pixies-like flair and harmonies to spare.

• **Santogold, Santogold:** Much akin to M.I.A, Santogold mashes tropical rhythms and dub-drenched beats with soulful chants to create a fresh sound with remarkable range.



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This Day In Music History
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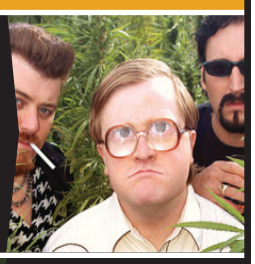

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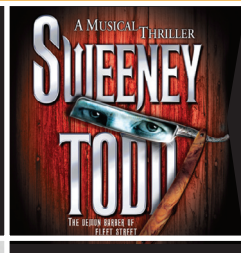

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February 16 + 17
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THURSDAY
February 19
THE **CANADIAN TENORS**

TUESDAY
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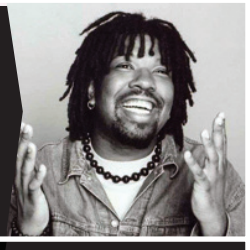

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MONDAY + TUESDAY
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WEDNESDAY
April 8
CLASSIC ALBUMS
LIVE PRESENTS:
PINK FLOYD
DARK SIDE OF THE MOON

SATURDAY
April 18
BLUES NIGHT:
C. A'COURT, T. LAVASSEUR, C. DEL JUNCO

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P. Diddy to appear on CSI

P. Diddy is to appear in the hit TV show CSI: Miami, playing a federal prosecutor in two episodes of the crime drama. The episodes are scheduled to be aired in early 2009. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

Television

FRIDAY

OT	Vu	SC	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime 11/14/08	265	353	2	TVO	Adventures in Architecture		The Agenda With Steve Paikin		Heartbeat (N)		Allan Gregg	Film 101	Agenda-Paikin
	211	331	3	GTV	ET Canada	Entertainment	Life		NUMB3RS "Power"		NUMB3RS		News (N)
	209	342	6	CHRO	Instant Star	TMZ (N)	Supernanny (N)		Don't Forget the Lyrics!		Stargate SG-1 (DVS)		News (N)
	196	311	7	CTV	Hollywood	etalk	Ghost Whisperer (N)		Super-Manny (N)		Law & Order		News (N)
	208	303	8	CBC	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	Air Farce-Final	Rick Mercer	Doctor Who (N)		CBC News: The National		The Hour
	-	360	9	NBC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Deal or No Deal (N)		Crusoe (HDTV) (N)		Lipstick Jungle (N)		News (N)
	-	362	13	CBS	Dr. Phil (HDTV) (N)		Ghost Whisperer (N)		Price Is Right Salutes		NUMB3RS		Two/Half Men
	216	395	14	OMN2	Cold Case		News (N)		News (N)		2Half Men	King	Cold Case
	214	344	15	CITY	Law & Order: SVU		Secret Life of American Teen		Crusoe (HDTV) (N)		Lipstick Jungle (N)		News (N)
	218	345	18	E!	The Insider (N)	E News	Deal or No Deal (N)		Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		20/20 (HDTV) (N)		News (N)
	-	361	20	ABC	News (N)	Entertainment	Supernanny (N)		Super-Manny (N)		20/20 (HDTV) (N)		News (N)
	-	365	36	FOX	TMZ (N)	Seinfeld	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		Don't Forget the Lyrics!		News (N)		News
news	500	500	33	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown: No Bias		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)		
sports	406	417	27	net	Ms. Fitness USA '08		Best Damn Top 50 Special		Best Damn Sports Show		Sportsnet Connected		Hockey Central
	126	730	28	RDI	24 Heures en 60 minutes		Les Grands reportages		Le Téléjournal (SC)		RDI en direct	Le National	Le Téléjournal
	400	280	30	TSN	That's Hockey!	Madden Nation	NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Boston Celtics. (HDTV) (Live)					SportsCentre	
family	554	544	48	TEL	George-Jungle	Bugs Bunny & Tweety Show		Wayside	Johnny Test	Futurama	Father of Pride	Robot Chicken	Life's a Zoo
	557	540	51	FAM	Wizards-Place	*Jump In!* (2007, Drama) Corbin Bleu.			*Surf Ninjas* ★ (1993, Comedy) Ernie Reyes Jr..			*Get a Clue* (2002)	
	551	542	65	YTV	*The Perfect Man* ★★ (2005, Romance-Comedy)				Smallville "Wrath"		Dark Oracle	Mystery Hnt.	Mystery Hnt.
cable variety	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami "Cop Killer"		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Sunblock"		Criminal Minds
	628	584	32	SPKE	CSI: NY (HDTV)		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		The Ultimate Fighter				
	616	521	39	SHO	The Best Years (DVS)		The Guard (HDTV)		Testees	Kenny-Spenny	Webdreams	Webdreams	Sin Cities
	520	505	42	DIS	Daily Planet		Greensburg "On the Road"		Man vs. Wild		Dinosaurs: Return to Life?		Daily Planet
	581	566	53	MTV	Girls-Latitude	After Show	Made "Wakeboarder"		Paris Hilton's My New BFF		The Hills	The Hills	After Show
	522	506	55	HIS	NCIS "Chained"		Battlefield Mysteries		Go Deep "Beaufighters"		Ax Men		Bloody Victory
	603	561	95	FN	The Main	Chef at Home	Restaurant Makeover		Chef Abroad	The Wild Chef	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Restaurant

SATURDAY

OT	Vu	SC	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime 11/15/08	265	353	2	TVO	Superpride		*Soylent Green* (1973, Science Fiction)			Interviews (N)	(10:05) *Fahrenheit 451* ★★★ (1966)		
	211	331	3	GTV	Disasters of the Century		Turning Points of History		Painkiller Jane		Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	News (N)
	209	342	6	CHRO	The Road to Avonlea		*Black Swan* ★ (2002, Comedy-Drama) Melanie Doane.				Comedy Now	Comedy Inc.	News (N)
	196	311	7	CTV	W-FIVE (N)		*Wedding Crashers* ★★★ (2005, Comedy) Owen Wilson.				Wedding	Big Bang Th	News (N)
	208	303	8	CBC	NHL Hockey Toronto Maple Leafs at Vancouver Canucks. (HDTV) (Live)						NHL Hockey: Avalanche at Oilers		
	-	360	9	NBC	Paid Program	Wheel-Fortune	Knight Rider (HDTV)		The Office	Saturday Night Live (HDTV)			Local 4 News
	-	362	13	CBS	Missing	The Insider (N)	*Wedding Crashers* ★★★ (2005, Comedy) Owen Wilson.				(10:15) 48 Hours Mystery		CSI: NY
	216	395	14	OMN2	Chinese Rest.	Trendy Zone	*Happy Funeral* (2008, Comedy-Drama) Tian Yuan, Eric Tsang.				Omni News: Mandarin		Chinese Rest.
	214	344	15	CITY	Survivorman (DVS)		Less-Kind	Kaya	*Childstar* ★ (2004, Comedy-Drama) Don McKellar. (DVS)				News (N)
	218	345	18	E!	E News	The Soup	Soup Presents	Behind-Scenes	Dr. 90210		Forbes TV 20: Famous		News (N)
	-	361	20	ABC	News	TBA	College Football Boston College at Florida State or Oklahoma State at Colorado. (Live)						
	-	365	36	FOX	Bernie Mac	Seinfeld	Cops (N)	Cops	America's Most Wanted		News (N)	Tribute Troops	MADtv
news	500	500	33	CNN	Lou Dobbs This Week (HDTV)		CNN Presents "Escape From Jonestown"				D.L. Hughley Breaks the News		Investigations
sports	406	417	27	net	English Premier League Soccer: West Bromwich vs. Chelsea				UFC 91 Countdown		Heads-Up Poker Champ.		Sportsnet Con.
	126	730	28	RDI	Le Journal RDI	Antarctique	Découverte (SC)		Le Téléjournal	Les Grands reportages		La Facture	Le Téléjournal
	400	280	30	TSN	CFL Football	SportsCentre	Boxing Marco Antonio Barrera vs. Sammy Ventura.				(10:15) Boxing Jeff Lacy vs. Jermain Taylor.		
family	554	544	48	TEL	George-Jungle	Bugs Bunny & Tweety Show		Wayside	Johnny Test	Futurama	*Akira* ★★★ (1988, Science Fiction)		
	557	540	51	FAM	That's-Raven	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	*Hometown Legend* ★★ (2002, Drama)			(10:45) *Little Big League*	
	551	542	65	YTV	Wolverine	Transformers	Naruto	Blue Dragon	Zatch Bell (N)	Bleach	Storm Hawks	Dark Oracle	Mystery Hnt.
cable variety	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		*The Andromeda Strain* (2008, Science Fiction) (HDTV) Benjamin Bratt, Eric McCormack, Ricky Schroder.						
	628	584	32	SPKE	The Ultimate Fighter (HDTV)		UFC Unleashed		UFC 91 Countdown (HDTV)		Disorderly Conduct: Video		Disorderly
	616	521	39	SHO	About a Girl	Kink in Hair	*Time and Again* (2007, Drama) Brooke Burns.				*Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby*		
	520	505	42	DIS	Destroyed	Destroyed	Monster Moves		Canada's Worst Driver		Criss Angel	Criss Angel	A Haunting
	581	566	53	MTV	MTV Presents: Summer		Made "Wakeboarder"		Girls-Latitude	After	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs
	522	506	55	HIS	NCIS "Bikini Wax"		Ancestors in the Attic		*The Great Escape* ★★★★ (1963, War) Steve McQueen, James Garner.				
	603	561	95	FN	Chef Abroad	The Wild Chef	Top Chef "Melting Pot"			Dinner Imposs.	Kitchen Nightmares		The F Word

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	211	331	3	GTV	renegadepress	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy (N)	American Dad	(10:01) Brothers & Sisters		News (N)
	209	342	6	CHRO	Funniest Home Videos		Gossip Girl (HDTV) (N)		Cold Case (HDTV) (N)		Medium		News (N)
	196	311	7	CTV	Star Wars Clo.	Degrassi: Next	The Amazing Race 13		Desperate Housewives		(10:01) Without a Trace (N)		News (N)
	208	303	8	CBC	Heartland (N) (DVS)		The Nature of Things (N)		Anne Murray: Friends		CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		fifth estate
	-	360	9	NBC	Football Night in America		(8:15) NFL Football Dallas Cowboys at Washington Redskins. From FedEx Field in Landover, Md.						
	-	362	13	CBS	60 Minutes (HDTV) (N)		The Amazing Race 13		Cold Case (HDTV) (N)		The Unit (HDTV) (N)		CSI: NY
	216	395	14	OMN2	Pardon My Postpartum		Aaram	Arirang Korea	Word for Word	Trendy Zone	My Grandmother		Word for Word
	214	344	15	CITY	TBA	Two/Half Men	Valentine (HDTV)		Easy Money (HDTV)		Crusoe (HDTV)		News (N)
	218	345	18	E!	Instant Beauty Pageant		Extreme Makeover: Home		Hot Holiday 16	Behind-Scenes	Real Housewives of OC		News (N)
	-	361	20	ABC	NASCAR Racing: Sprint Cup		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives		(10:01) Brothers & Sisters		News (N)
	-	365	36	FOX	King of the Hill	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy (N)	American Dad	News (N)		Sportsworks
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sports	406	417	27	net	NFL Football	Sportsnet Connected (Live)		UFC: Access	World Combat League		World Combat League		Sportsnet Con.
	126	730	28	RDI	Le Journal RDI	Marie-Claude	Une heure sur Terre (SC)		Le Téléjournal	Les Coulisses du pouvoir		Regard	Le Téléjournal
	400	280	30	TSN	NASCAR Racing: Sprint Cup		(8:15) NFL Football Dallas Cowboys at Washington Redskins. From FedEx Field in Landover, Md.						
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	557	540	51	FAM	That's-Raven	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	*Doc Hollywood* (1991, Romance-Comedy)			*Dungeons & Dragons* ★	
	551	542	65	YTV	(6) *Are We There Yet?*		SpongeBob	Prank Patrol	The Next Star		Falcon Beach (DVS)		Mystery Hnt.
cable variety	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Darkroom"		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami
	628	584	32	SPKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scn
	616	521	39	SHO	The Guard (HDTV)		*Secret Lives* (2005, Suspense) Daphne Zuniga.				Weeds	Rescue Me	Kenny-Spenny
	520	505	42	DIS	MythBusters		Ten Commandments of the Mafia (N)				MythBusters		A. Bourdain
	581	566	53	MTV	Made "Wakeboarder"		TRL Finale Special The legendary countdown show. (N)				Cribs	Cribs	After
	522	506	55	HIS	Band of Brothers		Band of Brothers		Band of Brothers "Points"			Band of Brothers	
	603	561	95	FN	Jamie at Home	Exotic	Challenge		Iron Chef America		Jamie's Kitchen Australia		Chef School

Gervais visits Sesame Street

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SO WHAT IS IT WITH YOU AND BERT, NOT THAT I HAVE A PROBLEM WITH IT OR ANYTHING: Ricky Gervais has been asked to do a guest spot on Sesame Street, an honour that has been bestowed on everyone from Laura Bush and Jack Black to Max Headroom and Yo-Yo Ma, and which signals the likelihood that, no matter what horrible thing you do for the rest of your life, somebody's grandmother can be called upon to describe you as "a nice person, but they've obviously got a few problems."

"Gervais...told the BBC that 'there are some things you don't turn down.'"

Gervais, who has already appeared in animated form in The Simpsons and Grand Theft Auto IV, and told the BBC that "there are some things you don't turn down." Gervais also said that he was reluctant to accept a rumoured offer to host the Oscars, and his website broke the news that a revival of Extras for one more Christmas special had reached the stage where he's asked Danny DeVito, Michael Douglas and Al Pacino to appear in the show. What, precisely, Al Pacino might do to embarrass himself on the show that he hasn't already surpassed in his last 15 years of film roles remains to be seen, of course.

WHAT'S ONE STEP BELOW TEMP?: In related Office news, B. J. Novak will be taking a break from playing Ryan the temp-turned-executive-turned-jailbird-turned-temp-receptionist on the NBC show. Novak has a role in Quentin Tarantino's new film, according to an Entertainment Weekly story, and will be gone from Dunder Mifflin for several episodes, which might turn out to be a permanent absence according to another source, who said that Novak thinks that Ryan has played himself out.

This might solve the problem of bringing Jenna Fischer back after a mostly Pam-less season, which EW seems to think is the only way to bring season five to a satisfying conclusion, even if it will deprive Michael of his disturbing man-crush, and the show of one of its best running gags.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

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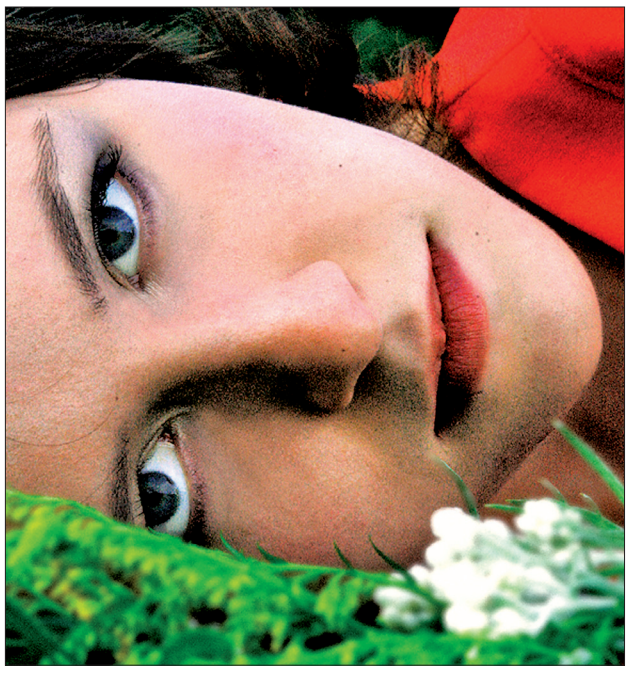
For the last nine months, Meredith Luce has experienced what she jokingly refers to as a "musical pregnancy."

At the start of March, the girl with the unforgettable voice began recording her second album, Neck of the Woods. Tonight, nine months later, she's ready to introduce it to the world at her CD release party.

But there was a lot more than just conceiving the ideas for the songs, and recording them in the studio this time. As well as writing the 11 heartfelt tracks, Luce co-produced the album with Dean Watson, played three kinds of guitars, synth and percussion and also designed the album's unique art.

It's not that she's a control freak — though she does consider herself driven. Luce says she just really wanted to make the kind of album she could be proud of.


Meredith Luce performs tonight at Irene's.

"I put so much of myself into this record that at the end I thought the only person who has to really love it is me, and I had so much fun making it too," she says.

"I learned a lot, and did things I didn't have the chance to do before, and was lucky to have some amazing guests helping me out on the record.

Guests like David Gaudet, Tim Watson and Graham Boyle — all of whom have accompanied Luce at many of her live shows. She was also happy to welcome fiddler Matt Pepin into the studio, and work with one of her musical mentors — Danny Michel — who added inspiring new depths to her song Great Lake Swimmers.

Having just turned 20 after completing the album, Luce says she now finds herself with a new outlook on her life and career. She has recently started a design program at college — which she puts to practical use for things like the album, poster and her own t-shirt designs.

She is also realizing that all her hard work up until now — beginning at 16 when she was first noticed as a formidable songwriter with maturity and wisdom far beyond her years — didn't afford her much time to be a typical teenager.

"It was only in the last month of being 19 that I realized maybe I need more time to experience being a teenager and embrace youth," she says.

"Sometimes I think while I am young I should just relax and have fun, but I am really driven to do this and work hard at my music. I guess I am trying to find my place and the balance in that."

Meredith Luce plays a CD release show at Irene's, 885 Bank St., tonight at 10 p.m.

Kim Mannix Vermette has a passion for exploring the local music, theatre, visual arts and literature scenes.

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HOT & HAPPENING WEEKEND EVENTS AROUND THE CITY
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The Herbaliser

When: Tonight, 9 p.m.
Where: 317 Bank St.

Coming all the way from London England, the lively and energetic hip hop and funk fusion band The Herbaliser play at Babylon Friday night.

Founders Jake Wherry and Ollie Teeba have been cutting and scratching since the mid-'90s, and have always pleased Ottawa audiences in the past.

Advance tickets $22.50 at Top of the World, Norml Clothing, and Compact Music. Babylon is at 317 Bank St. and doors open at 9 p.m.

A Midsummer Night's Dream

When: Starting tonight
Where: National Arts Centre

It's the last weekend to catch director Tim Supple's acclaimed production of A Midsummer Night's Dream at the National Arts Centre.

The production has toured in England, India and Italy and features a cast of 23 dancers and actors including Archana Ramaswamy (pictured).

Tickets range from $11 - $67 and can be purchased through ticketmaster.ca or at the NAC box office. The show runs tonight and Saturday.

Big Money Shot

When: Tonight, 8 p.m.
Where Capital Music Hall, 128 York St.

Five local bands, including Becky Abbott (pictured), will duke it out for $40,000 in cash and development in the Round Three Final of the Live 88.5 Big Money Shot. Cover is $10.

Le Groupe Dance Lab

When: Tonight and Saturday, 7 p.m.
Where: 2 Daly Ave.

Ottawa-born choreographer Tedd Robinson (pictured) and visual designer Normand Vandal have collaborated for the latest offering from Le Groupe Dance Lab. Tickets are $15.

Ron Hawkins

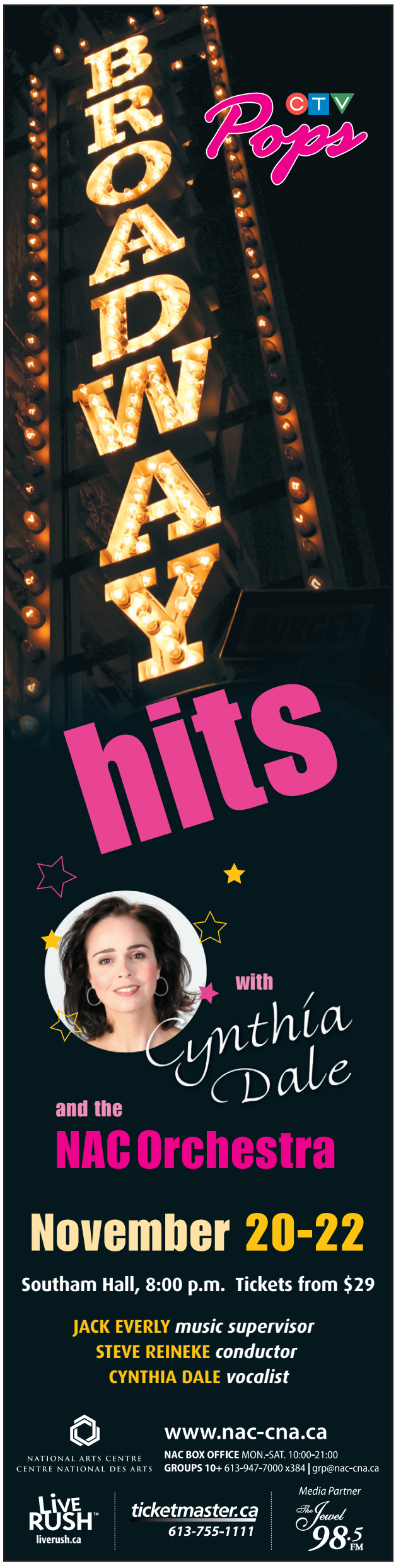
When: Tonight
Where: Zaphod's, 27 York St.

Former Lowest of the Low member Ron Hawkins (pictured) brings his solo show to Zaphod's tonight.
Trevor Alguire opens the show. Tickets are $12 at the door.

Centre Stage Cabaret: 24 X 24

When: Tonight and Saturday, 8 p.m.
Where: NAC Fourth Stage

The talented members of Zucchini Grotto Theatre Company want to test your knowledge of Broadway music. Part cabaret, part trivia challenge, the two-hour show showcase the music of George Gershwin, Andrew Lloyd Weber and many more. Tickets are $25 at ticketmaster.ca.



Wolf child
Former Party Of Five star Scott Wolf is expecting his first child. The actor and his wife Kelly are expecting a baby boy, he said. The couple did not reveal a due date. **IMDB.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Aniston all about honesty

PEOPLE Jennifer Aniston has played down scathing comments she made about actress Angelina Jolie in a recent interview, insisting she answered questions "as honestly" as she could, imdb.com reports.

The actress blasted Jolie as "uncool" in a candid chat with Vogue magazine, just weeks after her ex-husband Brad Pitt's partner revealed they fell in love on the set of 2005 movie Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

Aniston and Pitt split in 2005, after which Pitt set up home with Jolie, becoming a father to three adopted children, as well as having another three biological babies with her.

Aniston opened up again in an interview with talk-show host Oprah Winfrey, admitting she decided to finally pass comment on Jolie's behaviour because she wanted to be truthful.

When quizzed on the revelation by Winfrey on her show, which was scheduled to air yesterday, Aniston explains, "I basically just answered it (Jolie question) as honestly as I could."

But the Aniston refused to bash her ex-partner, insisting she is proud of Pitt's achievements since they decided to divorce.

"He's done some amazing things."

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Miley stays mum on rumoured romance

RELATIONSHIP Teen star Miley Cyrus has vowed to keep her lips locked about her love life, insisting she's "thrown away the key" when quizzed about boyfriend Justin Gaston, imdb.com reports.

The 15-year-old Hannah Montana star has admitted to dating Gaston, five years her senior, as their relationship has heated up in recent months.

But Cyrus insists she has had enough of the relentless rumours about her love life, since her romance with singer Nick Jonas reportedly sparked a love rivalry with fellow teen star Selena Gomez earlier this year.

When asked about her boyfriend on Good Morning America, Cyrus hesitates: "Um, I'm going to keep that one zip-tight, locked and throw away the key."

METRO NEWS SERVICES

A-Rod's affection makes Madonna all mushy

POET? Pop star Madonna and baseball star Alex Rodriguez are turning to mush over each other, PageSix.com reports.

Sources close to Madonna tell the Chicago Sun-Times she's so smitten with her rumoured Yankee lover, she told a friend, he "has the heart of a poet trapped inside an insanely gorgeous body." Rodriguez, meanwhile, has reportedly been writing "sweet, personal expressions of his feelings."

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Paris gets friendly with Harry's girl

FRIENDS Paris Hilton may have her sights set on a regal Best Friend Forever — she's hit it off with Prince Harry's girlfriend, imdb.com reports.

The hotel heiress met Chelsy Davy on a night out in London last month, and Hilton was reportedly enraptured with Davy.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

J. Lo wants one more child

GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS

BABY Jennifer Lopez is reportedly "trying to make one more baby" with husband Marc Anthony, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer/actress, who welcomed her first children, twins Max and Emme, into the world in February, is said to be trying to conceive again.

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Portman 'homeless'

PEOPLE Natalie Portman is having "trouble" living at home with her parents again, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress, who recently moved back home, admits there are some aspects of returning to her childhood house that are causing issues. "I'm homeless at the moment so I am residing with my parents. It's rough. It was cool in the beginning because I got good meals and my laundry done but it turns into trouble," she is quoted as saying. It was recently revealed Portman and her boyfriend Devendra Banhart are no longer dating.

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Pregnancy follows Changeling role

KIDS Angelina Jolie's new film role as a desperate mom in Changeling helped leave her pregnant with twins, the actress confesses. Jolie said she became pregnant with Knox and Vivienne while shooting the movie, in which she plays real-life woman who fought the police when they mistook another boy for her missing son.

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Kanye on search for Miss Right

MARRIAGE Kanye West is looking for Miss Right, People.com reports. ??

"I want to have kids," he says. "But I want to have the right girl too — someone who really cares about me." ??

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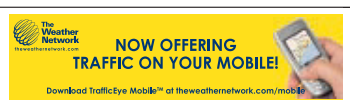

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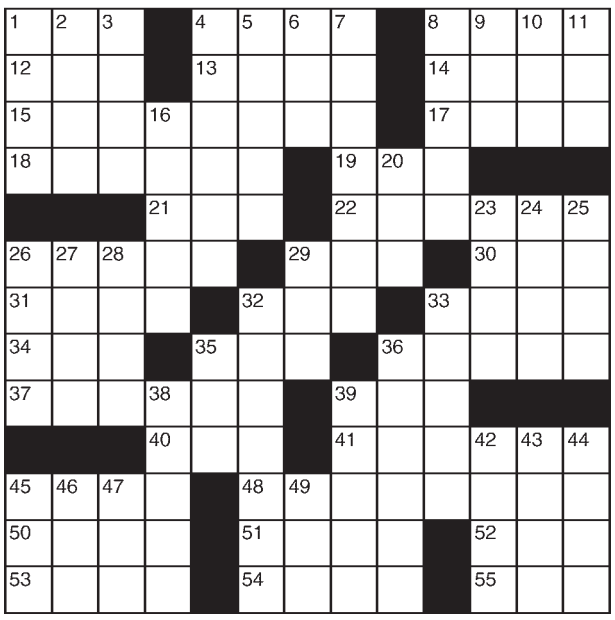

Crossword across

1 Swiffer ancestor
4 Surrounded by
8 Staff leader?
12 In days past
13 Loutish one
14 Groucho-esque look
15 Loyal
17 Unctuous
18 Foursome
19 Scatter seeds
21 Unfriendly
22 George Hamilton trademark
26 Oddball
29 Lustrous black
30 Greek vowel
31 Radius neighbor
32 Unopened rose
33 Pirates' beverage
34 Spelling contest
35 Mrs. Al Bundy
36 Ends a relationship with
37 Got real angry
39 Wire measure
40 9mm submachine gun
41 Fit for farming
45 Boston is one variety
48 Author of Old West novels
50 It takes the cake
51 Grand tale
52 Census statistic
53 Group of quail
54 Tidy
55 Pantheon member

Crossword down

1 Damon or Dillon
2 Shrek is one
3 Sulk
4 Monastery head's office
5 Like old bread
6 Debtor's letters
7 Clad
8 Circus favorite
9 Floral garland
10 Moray, for one
11 Sauté
16 "All My Children" role
20 Chic no longer
23 Expression
24 On
25 No Derby winners
26 Long sandwiches
27 Entreaty
28 From the start
29 Moonshine container
32 Adorn gaudily
33 Labor camp
35 Dispensable candy
36 Straightforward
38 Overly soft and liquid
39 Craze
42 Boast
43 Building-block name
44 Watched
45 Watch chain
46 Leading lady?
47 Gun the engine
49 Mimic

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

	4		9		6		5	
			5		3			
1		5				3		7
		8	2		5	9		
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		3	4		9	1		
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